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MEDIA AVAILABILITY - U.S. ARMED FORCES PREPARE HORSES FOR INAUGURAL PARADE

WASHINGTON – Three military horse platoons will prepare their horses for the Inaugural Parade from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 18, at the Army Caisson at Fort Myer in Virginia.

Two of the horse platoons have traveled from Fort Hood, Texas, and Fort Riley, Kansas, for the parade. They join the 3rd Infantry Army Caisson at Fort Myer, Virginia. On Tuesday, horse detachment members will work in the horse stalls to brush and groom the horses, conduct tack preparations, saddling and so forth. Media may join them in this “up close and personal” opportunity for photos and interviewing horse platoon members.

The will host a media-availability during the rehearsal of the 2005 Presidential Inaugural Parade Jan. 16, 2005 from 7 a.m. until noon on the National Mall and the Inaugural Parade route. During this rehearsal, Soldiers, Marines, Sailors, Airmen and Coast Guardsmen will carry out their inaugural day ceremonial role.

Interested media should contact Lt. Penny Cockerell at the Joint Task Force - Armed Forces Inaugural Committee (JTF-AFIC), 202-358-7228.

Public Affairs members will greet media at the front gate of Fort Myer and be directed to the horse barn.